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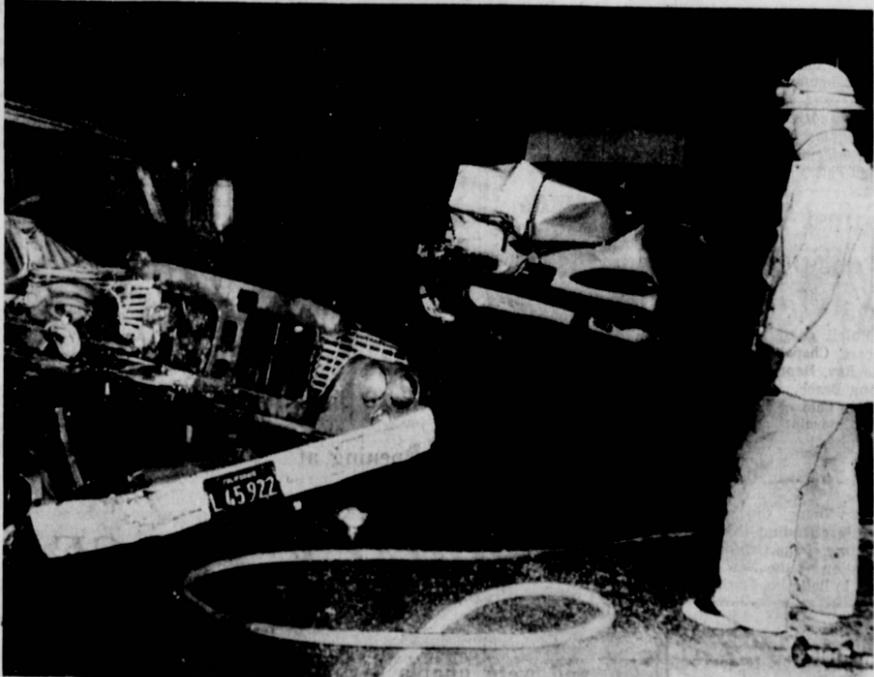


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**TRUCK BURNS . . .** A Torrance fireman stands by after dousing flaming truck involved in an accident at Western Avenue and 212th Street early Friday. Driver of the truck, Walter Cash of Bellflower, was

taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with a fractured hip. He was transferred later to Bellwood Hospital nearer his home. Driver of the second vehicle reportedly was uninjured. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Thieves Get Cash, TV Sets, Airplane

### Costly Plane Stolen

An airplane, three television sets, \$550 cash, and 18 bottles of liquor were among items stolen from Torrance residents, according to reports filed Friday with the Torrance Police Department.

The airplane, a four-passenger Cessna Skyhawk valued at \$11,500, was taken from the Torrance Municipal Airport at 12:30 a.m. Thursday. The theft was reported by Harold T. Corbett of 5500 Torrance Blvd.

Owner John J. Booth, 5401 Paseo de Pablo, said the plane was last seen at 7 p.m. Thursday. Security guards reported the plane took off from the airport at 12:35 a.m. Friday with an unknown pilot at the controls.

MOST OF the cash and one television set was taken from the trailer home of Walter E. Pressnal, 64, of 18801 Hawthorne Ave. Pressnal told investigating officers he returned to his home at 11:10 Friday evening to find the trailer ransacked and the cash—\$525—missing. A portable television set, clothing, and his checkbook also were taken, Pressnal reported.

A second television set and six quarts of liquor were taken from a ransacked apartment at 163 Paseo de la Concha, according to Grave Trivisagno. Police investigating the burglary said the thief apparently entered through an open dining room window, turned on the lights, and ransacked the apartment. He left by the front door, taking the television, liquor, and nine shirts with him.

Theft of the third television set was reported by Antoinette M. Fleming, 42, of 19417 Pruitt St. Mrs. Fleming said her home was entered while she was at work Friday.

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**WHO'S GOT THE TORTOISE? . . .** Juvenile Officer R. L. Schwanbeck of the Torrance Police Department has a unique assignment these days—he's chasing turtles. Schwanbeck has recovered 183 tortoises, about a sixth of the 1,200 reported stolen from a storage building at 20430 Anza Ave. earlier this month. Owner John J. Hoffling asked the police to help recover the tortoises, which he valued at \$900. Investigation by Schwanbeck has led to many homes in the Victor Tract, where youngsters, apparently unaware the turtles belonged to someone else, claimed them for pets. Persons who have any of the turtles or know where they may be found are urged to call Schwanbeck at the Torrance Police Department. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Torrance Schools Set Dates for Registration

With the re-opening of Torrance schools rapidly approaching, registration dates for new students have been set by the city's four high schools. Classes will resume Wednesday, Sept. 15.

New students residing in the South High School attendance area may register any day between now and Sept. 15. Registration at Torrance High School begins Aug. 25 and will continue Sept. 15. West High has set registration for Aug. 30 through

## Circus Set In October

The Torrance Fire Fighters Association will present the Winn Brothers Circus at El Camino College Oct. 2 and 3. Denny R. Haas, secretary-treasurer of the group, announced today.

Haas said the circus would set up in the El Camino College stadium for two performances each day. Matinees will be scheduled at 2 each afternoon, while the Saturday evening performance is scheduled for 8 o'clock. Sunday's evening performance is slated at 6 o'clock.

Advance ticket information is available by writing the Torrance Fire Fighters Association, Post Office Annex Box 2111, Torrance.

Sept. 15, and North High has scheduled Sept. 1 through 7 for registration.

Hours for registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**STUDENTS** who attended elementary or high schools in Torrance last year do not need to register since their enrollment was completed in June.

Parents of new students are asked to accompany their children and bring their immunization verification and report card or records from their previous school. Information regarding student's birthplace and birthdate and the parent's place of employment, address, and phone number will also be required.

Students desiring to register are asked to report to the counseling office of the high school in their attendance areas for help in planning their programs for the coming year.

**HIGH SCHOOL** locations are: South High, 4801 Pacific Coast Hwy.; Torrance High, 2200 W. Carson St.; West High, 20401 Victor St., and North High, 3820 W. 182nd St.

Registration of new students at elementary schools will take place Sept. 3 through Sept. 15.

## EC 'Scope' Show Debuts Tomorrow

Introducing the first El Camino College program in a series of six to be presented on "Scope," Channel 7-KABC-TV educational show, will be W. Holmes Smith, dean of counseling and placement. Tomorrow's 7:30 a.m. show will feature an interview with Miss Lorraine Brewer, an ECC student and part-time worker in the counseling office, which will investigate the types of instructional programs offered by community colleges in California.

Second in the color series will be "The Technical Vocational Program" Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Dr. Theodore Elmgren, coordinator of instruction at the college, will utilize a series of color slides to review the extensive program offered by El Camino in the areas of industry and technology.

Subsequent programs are scheduled Sept. 1, 2, 3 and 6.

## Man Dies Following Car Crash

A Torrance man died Thursday, possibly as the result of a heart attack, when his car struck a parked vehicle on Catalina Avenue south of Avenue D in Redondo Beach.

Howard L. Cole, 62, of 803 Calle de Arboles, was dead on arrival at South Bay Hospital shortly before 6 p.m. Redondo Beach Police investigating the accident said Cole may have suffered a heart attack.

Witnesses to the crash reported seeing Cole slumped over the steering wheel just before the accident. They said the car hit a curb, bounced off, and crashed into the parked vehicle.

A lifeguard unit called to the scene administered oxygen to the unconscious man and rushed him to the hospital. He did not regain consciousness.

## Vermont Avenue Tract Approved

Plans for a 15-acre subdivision which will include 92 single-family lots in the Carson area have been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

The new tract, located on

the northwest corner of Vermont Avenue and Lomita Boulevard, is owned by Andrew R. Joughlin of Los Angeles and will be subdivided by Cameron-Collister, 16900 S. Western Ave., Gardena.

## REPORT FROM EUROPE

# Austria Seeks Neutrality in Cold War

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles to be written by Torrance Councilman Ross A. Sclarrotta Sr., now vacationing in Europe, for the Press-Herald. Sclarrotta writes today from Vienna, Austria.)

By **ROSS A. SCIARROTTA SR.** VIENNA—In my third report, I would like to point out the fact that the people of Austria are trying to make their country as neutral as Switzerland. As a matter of fact, they not only wish to remain neutral in action but in thought. They are happy that they did get their freedom and want to keep it that way.

Some of the people who venture to make statements are somewhat concerned about the United States try-

ing to police the world. They wonder when we will go next and why we are doing it alone. They feel that a number of countries are now in a position to help the United States police the world against communism but for some reason or other, our energies are not oriented in this direction.

Austrians feel that soon we will be spreading ourselves too thinly and perhaps not be too effective without the moral and economic support of our so-called allies. They called my attention to the fact that where we are spending millions to help people stop the communist take-over, the enemy is spending dollars.

The Austrian feeling against communism runs high. One of the couriers explained his feelings by this anecdote:

"When Khrushchev visited the White House (in the U.S.) he saw an elaborate telephone system with many gadgets. He asked President Eisenhower what it was and Eisenhower told him it was an American telephone system that reached everywhere and invited him to use it, but told him he would have to pay the toll.

"Mr. K. dialed hell and the operator told him it would cost \$100. He was fascinated by this and asked if he couldn't get the same system in Russia. Eisenhower obliged and had a similar apparatus sent to Moscow.

"When Mr. K got back to Russia, he dialed hell again and asked for the charges. The operator replied that it would cost 10 cents. He told the operator that this same

call cost him \$100 in the U.S. and told Eisenhower he put one over on him. 'No,' said the operator, 'in the U.S. that was a long distance call; here it's a local call.'

This anecdote certainly illustrates the feeling most Austrians have, but won't express because they want to remain neutral.

I may also point out that a monument to a Russian soldier is located in what the Russians called the Russian Square in Vienna. At the peace negotiations, one of the provisions the Russians demanded was that the monument stand there. The Austrian government has two guards at all times to guard this Russian monument for fear that some irate citizen may destroy it and cause trouble for their country.

## Chamber Advisory Group Gets Outline of Program

Civic spirit, leadership, organization, and program are the four essentials for a successful community development program, members of a Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were told during a meeting Thursday.

The 75-member committee, headed by former Chamber President George W. Post, heard Lloyd A. Wilson, director of the chamber's "Keep Pace With Opportunity" program, explain the purpose of the program.

Wilson told the group the purpose of the program is "community development—in business, industry, and civic affairs."

**OTHER SPEAKERS** during the meeting included Bruce Jones president of the chamber; J. Walker Owens, chamber general manager; Post, and Arthur L. Reeves, who, with Post, serves as co-chairman for the entire program. A resolution expressing en-

thusiasm and pledging full cooperation in the endeavor was adopted by the committee.

"We need an expanded, well-planned program such as we are now starting to build," Reeves told the group. "Our Chamber of Commerce is the one central agency through which we can provide the

necessary leadership and enterprise for the bigger job ahead."

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## Cycle Rider Injured . . .

A 33-year-old Torrance man suffered cuts and abrasions about his face early yesterday when he lost control of his motor scooter on Ocean Avenue. Police said Robert Irvine Preston of 20005 Hawthorne Ave. was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment and observation. Preston apparently lost control of his motor scooter in a construction area south of 231st Street. The accident occurred shortly after midnight.

## Charter Review Slated . . .

Torrance City Councilmen will convene at 7 p.m. Tuesday for a pre-council review of the city charter. Members of the Torrance League of Women Voters, which recently completed a review of the charter provisions, will discuss areas where reforms are needed or obsolete provisions need to be eliminated. Any proposed change in the charter must be submitted to the voters for approval. The regular agenda will be taken up at 8 p.m.

## Carson Man Killed . . .

A 21-year-old Carson man was killed Thursday evening when he put an "unloaded" gun against his head and pulled the trigger, Charles W. Taylor, 23426 Orrick Ave., was dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital. His wife, Diane, 20, told police she had warned her husband the gun was dangerous when he began waving it around in the bedroom of the Taylor home. Taylor, who was helping his wife pack for a trip, told her, "It isn't loaded," then placed the gun against his head.

## Isen to Address Downtown Lions Club Tuesday

Mayor Albert Isen will be the guest speaker Tuesday at a meeting of the Downtown Torrance Lions Club.

Isen's topic will be "Torrance: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

The meeting will be held at the Palms Restaurant, beginning at noon.